

A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF THE F-117A NIGHTHAWK
AND DECLARING JANUARY 17, 2008 AS "STEALTH FIGHTER DAY" AT THE
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, United States military forces have used the
F-117A Nighthawk, also known as the "stealth fighter", in
every armed conflict since its unveiling in 1988, losing only
seven of the fifty-nine jets built, and will retire the
remaining fifty-two stealth fighters by the summer of 2008;
and

WHEREAS, Holloman air force base has been home to the
stealth fighter since 1992 and the 49th fighter wing is the
only wing that operates the stealth fighter in combat; and

WHEREAS, the stealth fighter played a strategic role in
preventing any unnecessary loss of life during Operation Just
Cause in Panama and helped facilitate the surrender of Manuel
Noriega; and

WHEREAS, the stealth fighter participated in the longest
single-seat fighter mission in history, carrying 49th fighter
wing pilots from Holloman air force base to Kuwait during
Operation Desert Strike; and

WHEREAS, the stealth fighter played a significant role
in bringing about the negotiated cessation of North Korea's
nuclear arms program; and

WHEREAS, the stealth fighter has a long history of protecting American soldiers, preventing unnecessary loss of life and securing the safety of United States citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 17, 2008 be proclaimed "Stealth Fighter Day" in recognition of its great service to this country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the commanding officer of the 49th fighter wing, the public affairs office at Holloman air force base and the members of New Mexico's congressional delegation.